

Please read this guide thoroughly as there are many changes due to COVID-19. New start times, new start waves, aid station protocols, award information, snacks and corralling of runners. Please read!



Dear Athletes;

The **Charlevoix Marathon** is rapidly approaching! The popularity of this event in the northern Michigan City of Charlevoix has grown enormously over the last (can you believe it) **FIFTEEN** years. Yes, we are celebrating our FIFTEEN-year anniversary!

We are so thankful to have the amazing support from the City of Charlevoix, the City Police, the County Sheriff's Department, The Charlevoix EMT units, Family Fare Market, Charlevoix EZ Mart, the Chamber of Commerce, and their member merchants to help promote our sport and to support the athletes. It will be very evident on race day that the City is supporting you!

This year:

- We will have packet pickup Friday, June 18 from 12:00pm – 6:00pm and race morning beginning at 5:00AM. The location is Bridge Park in the downtown area of Charlevoix. The registration area is where the snacks water and Gatorade are available immediately following your race.
- **Please refer to the website for more information on packet pick up and late registration. There will be updated information**
- **Unfortunately, this year there is no pasta dinner which has been hosted by the Methodist Church for 14 years.**
- **New this year:** The Marathon starts at 6:00AM. Please line up behind the start line with your masks on until your wave begins.
- **New this year:** The Half Marathon starts at 6:30AM: Please corral in the Weathervane Hotel parking lot until you are called to the start line.
- **New this year:** The 10k will start at 7:00AM: Please corral on E. Dixon Avenue until you are called to the start line.
- **New this year:** The 5K will start at 7:15AM: Please corral on E. Dixon Avenue until you are called to the start line.

- There will be finishers medals for all events: Marathon, Half and 10K/5K combo.
- The Charlevoix Police will be at the finish line to assist with traffic and spectators. Please use caution when crossing Michigan Avenue
- Spectators are requested to wear a mask and can stand on the sidewalk along the stretch to the finish line. No spectators are permitted in the finish area or on the street for the safety of the athletes. We know that your family and friends want to take a picture of your amazing accomplishment but due to the design of

the shoot, we cannot permit it. There will be a photographer there to capture you crossing the mats.

- The medic tent is located at the finish line. Manned by the Charlevoix EMT's, a registered nurse and a dedicated EMT at the finish.
- The **Charlevoix** marathon course has been certified as a **Boston Marathon** qualifying course. The **Half Marathon** course is certified, also.

Each wave will consist of approximately 250 runners with the faster runners first in descending order. Runners will be on the honor system when joining a wave start.

We look forward to meeting you, your families and celebrating with you at the finish line. Thank you again for participating in the **2021 Charlevoix Marathon**.

Best Regards,

Sharon, Ron, Jennifer, Jeff

Good Boy Events

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<http://charlevoixmarathon.com/>

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

Friday June 18, 2021

- **12:00 PM– 6:00 PM:** Packet Pickup in Bridge Park next to the famous Charlevoix Bridge at the corner of Bridge Street and Park Avenue
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RACE DAY

Saturday June 19, 2021

- 5:00AM Late Package Packet pickup at Bridge Park (see website for more specific information and times)
- 5:50AM National Anthem
- **6:00AM** **Marathon Start by waves**
- 6:30AM Aid stations open
- **6:30 AM** **Half Marathon Start by waves**
- **7:00 AM** **10K Start**
- **7:15 AM** **5K Start**
- 8:00 AM Bag Snacks available. Your bib is needed to get a snack (same place where you did packet pickup)

After you receive your snack you are free to leave. Age group awards will be available in Bridge Park.

- 1:00 PM Finish line removed from the street
Athletes must finish on the sidewalk after 1PM
- 1:00 PM Timing company removes equipment - anyone finishing after 1:00 PM may submit their time to support@rftiming.com
- Finisher's medals will be awarded at the finish line for the Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K/ 5K combo

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the summary of the Charlevoix safety protocols?**
 - **Masks and social distancing will be followed except when running**
Masks will remain in place at the finish and start line and while corralled
 - **All event participation has been “capped”**
 - **Events will be corralled until their start times away from the start line. SEE BELOW**
 - **Start times are ½ hour earlier this year to allow for wave starts**
 - **Charlevoix volunteers and workers will be masked and with fewer personnel**
 - **Aid stations will be “self-service”; runners will pickup their drinks from the tables**
 - **Water, Gatorade, GU and limited first aid available at the aid stations**
 - **Medals at the finish line will be wrapped and available for the finisher. Volunteers will not drape your medal but hand to you**
 - **Water at the finish line will be in tubs and retrieved by the runner**
 - **All snacks at the finish will come wrapped from the manufacturer and will be bagged**
 - **Age group and awards will be handed out in Bridge Park. There will not be an awards ceremony**
 - **No congregating in Bridge Park**
 - **Retail shirts race items available at the 20x20 open air tent by the registration tent**
- **What are the wave line ups and time starts?**
 - **Marathon will gather at the start line at 5:50am. We will use the pacers to help identify the times/waves. Pacer times are on our website**
 - **Wave #1: Runners with an expected time of under 4 hours**
 - **Wave #2: Runners with an expected time of 4:5 hours – 4 hours**
 - **Wave #3: Runners with an expected time of 5 hours – 4:5 hours**
 - **Wave #4: Runners with an expected time over 5:0 hours**
 - **Half marathon will corral in the Weathervane Parking lot until called.**
 - **Wave #1: Runners with an expected time of under 2 hours**
 - **Wave #2: Runners with an expected time 2.50 - 2 hours**
 - **Wave #3: Runners with an expected time 4:0 – 2:50**
 - **Wave #4 Runners with an expected time over 4:0**
 - **10K runners and 5K runners will corral on E. Dixon Avenue**
 - **10K will be one wave at 7am**
 - **5k will be one wave at 7:15am**

- **Where are the porta potties?**
 - There is a large public restroom maintained by the City in the area below Bridge Park (registration area); and inside the Beaver Island Boat Company building.
 - At the Marina there are public restrooms maintained by the City
 - There is a total of 20 porta potties in Bridge Park, the registration area: a short walk from the start/finish
 - There are porta johns at the 5k turn; 10k turn; at the end of the wooden bridge; at the Half Marathon turn; (also there are latrines in the Roadside Park just beyond the Half turn); at the roadside park on the Marathon course; and one at the Marathon turn. In all, 26 porta johns.

- **What about parking on race day?**
 - There are several lots in the downtown area plus ample street parking early race morning. (not all spots are free parking). The town will be busy. The parking lot map can be found on our website under the F.A.Q. tab

- **Will the course be marked?**
 - Yes, very well. It is marked with pink permanent paint mile markings on the roads and trails, plus yellow chalk mile markings and red arrow signs. Our mile markers are on sandwich boards for the marathon and half)

- **Will we receive a Finishers Medal?**
 - All finishers will receive a custom designed medal. This is our 15th Anniversary Medal and is a full 5" with an image of the famous Charlevoix Bridge.

- **Who will receive an award?**
 - Top Three Overall – Male and Female – Marathon, Half Marathon, Masters – Male and Female
Top Three Overall– Male and Female – 10K and 5K
 - Age Group awards – Male and Female – Marathon and Half Marathon, Awards will be mailed. There is no awards ceremony this year due to COVID restrictions.

Where and when will the award ceremony be held?

- Because of COVID there is no awards ceremony this year

- **What about shirts? Will I receive a Charlevoix shirt?**

- Yes. All participants will receive a commemorative 15th anniversary Charlevoix Marathon shirt.
 - All shirt exchanges must be done after packet pick up is over. Please don't ask to do it when you are picking up your shirt. All shirt sizes can be switched prior to June 1. Email Sharon@CHARLEVOIXMARATHON.COM to make the switch.
- **Is the course hilly?**
 - Almost too late to be worried about that now!! I believe everyone will be happy with the course and the beauty surrounding Charlevoix. The course is relatively flat however you will experience several inclines that extend for about ¼ mile each. There is a wooden bridge that goes for about 1-mile that is fun running and should make up for any inclines! The steepest hill is on the Marathon course, just after the Half Marathon turn and goes for about 50 yards. On the Marathon return there is another hill that extends for about 100 yards leading up to mile marker 25
- **Where specifically, are the turns for each event?**
 - The 5k turn is the first aid station; 1.55 mile mark. This aid station is serviced by the Hospice Team of Charlevoix;
 - The 10k turn is the second aid station mile mark 3.1 at the corner of Old Orchard and Waller Road and is serviced by the Township Fire Department of Charlevoix.
 - The Half Marathon turn is an aid station at the Road Side Park and is serviced by the Track Team of Charlevoix
 - The Marathon turn is after crossing Camp Daggett Road; the 9th aid station and is “manned” and serviced by the Boys Soccer Team of Petoskey
 - Note: All turns are at an Aid Station and are clearly marked with signage and flags. There are sandwich boards with the turn clearly marked. The half and marathon turn have huge red inflatable arches
- **How many aid stations and how are they stocked? PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AID STATIONS ARE SELF SERVICE. YOU WILL NEED TO PICK THE CUP UP; IT WILL NOT BE HANDED TO YOU. PLEASE BE SURE TO DISCARD THE CUP AND WRAPPERS IN THE TRASH CONTAINERS**
 - There are 9 Aid Stations. All stations will be staffed by paid volunteers from various local groups
 - All stations will have a variety of flavors of GU, water, orange Gatorade. There will be a limited first aid kit; Vaseline, Band-Aids, and other items needed to get you through the run. The Aid Stations are approximately every 1 ½ miles

- **Who is working the aid stations and helping at the finish line?**
 - **Aid Station #1 – Hospice of Northern Michigan**
 - **Aid Station #2 – Charlevoix Township Fire Department**
 - **Aid Station #3 - East Jordan Swim Team**
 - **Aid Station #4 - Charlevoix High School Track**
 - **Aid Station #5 - Charlevoix High School Track Team**
 - **Aid Station #6 - Zonta**
 - **Aid Station #7 - Zonta**
 - **Aid Station #8 - Petoskey Soccer**
 - **Aid Station #9 - Petoskey Soccer**
 - **Finish Line - Petoskey Soccer**
 - **Registration & Food – Elks Club of Charlevoix**

- **What time will the finish line come down?**
 - **The finish line will be removed from the street at 1:00PM.**
 - **Runners must finish on the sidewalk after 1:00**
 - **The timing mats and finish line will be on the sidewalk for late finishers until 1:00PM. If you finish after 1:00PM you can email your time to RF Timing Services: support@rftiming.com**

- **Can we use headphones or iPods?**
 - **Good Boy Events and the City of Charlevoix are doing everything to protect you and insure that you have a good race! The course is not closed entirely to traffic and for your safety, please wear your headsets on the bike path only!**

- **Can I push a child in a stroller?**
 - a. **Strollers are permitted on the 5K course ONLY. Skateboards, wagons, roller blades, etc. are NOT permitted.**
 - b. **Please, no dogs, cats, horses, rabbits or turtles!**

- **What will the temperature be on race morning?**
 - **In northern Michigan we must expect the “unexpected”! At 7:00 AM the temps should be in the low 60’s, sunny and slight breezes off the lake. By noon, the temps could be in the mid 70’s to the low 80’s.**

- **Is this race a Boston Qualifier and what about timing?**
 - **Yes, the Marathon is certified as a Boston Marathon qualifier. The Half Marathon is certified. RF Timing are the official timers. They will forward your times to BAA.**

- Will my family and friends be able to track me on the Marathon or Half Marathon course?
 - Yes, they can track your progress on the course. Type in www.rftiming.com/CVX on your smartphone, enter your name or bib number then select “track”.

- What happens if my results do not show up on the list?
 - To secure that your results are captured, wear your bib on the front of your shirt or leg. Do not fold or cover it.
 - If your results are not on the list, contact RF Timing either at the event or e-mail them - support@rftiming.com.

- How many people are you expecting?
 - The 15th annual Charlevoix Marathon will be the host approximately 2,000 participants.

- Where should my friends and family position themselves for good viewing? There are several places.
 - For the Marathon, the G. Robert Adams Park along Rt 31 It has spectacular views of the water and the course.
 - For the Half Marathon, there’s a park at the Half turn along Rt 31
 - Pa Be Shaun Road. (This would be for those doing the 10k, also). To get there; take Mercer north to Pa Be Shaun Road. Note that Waller Road at Old Orchard is closed to Hi-Way 31
 - There’s a printable map on our website for parking and locations to watch you on the course.
 - The official Charlevoix Marathon benches are on the Marathon course between the 9 Mile Point Condos and Burgess Road and in Bridge Park.

- Will there be an official photographer for the event?
 - Yes, several will be on the course and at the finish line
 - Pictures will be available for purchase FinisherPix Photo’s. The link will be posted on our website.
 - You will receive ONE free picture this year. Smile!!!!

- What about showers after the race? I have an early hotel check-out.
 - Two options for showers after the race:
 - Runners can go to the Marina (one block from Bridge Park) and take a shower for \$2. You will need to bring your own

towels or purchase one at the Marina (The have large beach towels for sale).

- The Methodist Church on State is opening their Church for showers. Bring a towel and this is by donation. The address is 104 State Street, Charlevoix**
- The Charlevoix Pool near aid station #3 offers a shower and the pool for \$2. Bring a towel.**